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re application of:

**FRITZ SCHWERTFEGER**

Serial No.: 10/595,121

Filed: February 24, 2006

For: SiO<sub>2</sub> MOLDED BODIES, METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
THEM AND USE THEREOF

Attorney Docket No.: WAS 0759 PUSA

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1)**

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-1.98, the references listed and identified on the attached Forms PTO/SB08A and/or SB08B are being submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner. This Statement is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1).

While this Statement is being filed in compliance with the duty of disclosure, citation of the listed references is not to be construed as an admission that any of the references are "material" as defined under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

No copies of the listed U.S. patent references or the listed U.S. patent application publication references have been included herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2). All other references have been provided as required. Consideration and entry into the record of the listed references is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Information Disclosure Statement

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Sir or Madam:

I, Holger Potten, associated with the preparation and prosecution of the above-identified application, residing at Neubiberger Straße 17a, 81737 München, Germany, wish to call the attention of the Patent Examiner to the references enumerated on the enclosed PTO Form-1449.

I believe the documents enumerated on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and attached thereto, are cited in the enclosed International Search Report and may be material to the examination of the application.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing Information Disclosure Statement be considered by the Examiner and incorporated into the file of this application.

I wish to comment as follows concerning the prior art references enumerated on PTO Form-1449:

WO 01/17902 A1, cited in the application, the corresponding abstract in English language is included (point 57, front page).

GB 1 276 731, cited in the International Search Report, is already in English language.

GB 1 428 788, cited in the application, is already in English language.

EP 0 318 100 A2, cited in the application, the corresponding Derwent abstract in English language is enclosed.

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US 2003/0119648 A1 in English language is enclosed.

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EP 0 705 797 A2, cited in the application, is already in English language.

EP 0 196 717 B1, cited in the International Search Report, the corresponding US 4,684,387 in English language is enclosed.

US 2003/0121283 A1, cited in the International Search Report, is already in English language.

US 6,381,986 B1, cited in the International Search Report, is already in English language.

US 5,053,359, cited in the application, is already in English language.

US 2003/0104920 A1, cited in the application, is already in English language.

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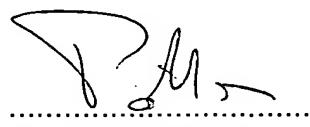
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Signed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2006.



Dr. Holger Potten



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		GB	1 276 731		Hutschenreuther	06/07/1972		
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		EP	1 245 703 A1		Heraeus Quarzglas	10/02/2002		
		DE	36 35 455 A1		Ronald Meisel	04/21/1988		
		GB	1 428 788		Rolls-Royce Ltd.	03/17/1976		
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#### OTHER PRIOR ART -- NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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